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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-28 are pending in this application.

## Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 5, 2007 has been entered.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-12, 15-22, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brachman et al. (USPN 6,704,576) (hereinafter Brachman) in view of Zhang et al. (USPN 6,741,575) (hereinafter Zhang).

1. Referring to claim 1, Brachman discloses a method for effectively using network resources (e.g. abstract), comprising:

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forwarding to a reception group a service (i.e. broadcast) corresponding to said reception group (i.e. those uses wishing to receive the broadcast are considered within the reception group) (Figure 5, ref. 715);

upon a change in the cellular distribution of the reception group (i.e. a user leaves the broadcast), deciding whether a subset of said reception group should receive said service via a unicast link or via a multicast link (i.e. if more than one person is requesting the same data, the transmission is converted from unicast to a multicast transmission) (Figure 3; col. 5, line 66 to col. 6, line 2; col. 7, lines 20-25);

wherein the change in the cellular distribution of the reception group comprises a change in one or more cells with which one or more members of the reception group have a relationship (i.e. a new user joins the reception group, and therefore must join a cell) (Figure 2; col. 5, line 58 to col. 6, line 19).

Brachman does not specifically disclose that the change in cellular distribution of the reception group comprises a user establishing a relationship with one or more first cells, and severing a relationship with one or more second cells, rather the use of a cold start user joining a reception group (see above). In analogous art, Zhang discloses another system for multicasting data in a cellular environment which discloses a subscriber unit (SU) is capable of entering a new cell either by cold start or roaming, which is the term in the art used for roaming into a new cell and severing relationships with the previous cell (col. 2, line 64 to col. 3, line 14; col. 12, lines 18-51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Zhang with Brachman in order to achieve a seamless integration of cellular networks with the

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global Internet by supporting mobile and multicast IP services in cellular networks as supported by Zhang (col. 4, lines 3-7).

- 2. Claim 2 is rejected for similar reasons as stated above. Furthermore Brachman discloses the change does not result in there being no terminals in the reception group (i.e. the addition of a user to the group) (col. 5, line 66 to col. 6, line 2).
- 3. Claim 3 is rejected for similar reasons as stated above. Furthermore, Brachman discloses the selecting and deciding are performed upon a change in the physical location of a member of said group (this limitation can be construed that since the user is new, it originally had no location in the network, and therefore upon joining, now has a location in the group) (col. 5, line 66 to col. 6, line 2).
- 4. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above. Furthermore Brachman discloses the step of deciding further comprises determining the ideality of each option (i.e. if there are no users in the cell requesting the same content, then use the unicast link) (col. 5, line 58 to col. 6, line 19).
- 5. Claims 6-12 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above...

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6. Referring to claim 15, Brachman discloses the deciding takes into account the bandwidth used and the per-unit-cost of that bandwidth (i.e. cost versus reliability and the speed of delivery) (col. 8, lines 31-40).

- 7. Claim 16 is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
- 8. Referring to claim 17, Brachman discloses said deciding takes into account the percentage of total available link bandwidth used and the percentage of terminals using the link that would be served by using the bandwidth (i.e. if a threshold amount of cells has been reached, then convert the content to an RF broadcast) (Figure 2, ref. 240).
- 9. Claim 18 is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
- 10. Referring to claim 19, Brachman discloses receiving a join indication from a terminal (i.e. a new user requests content) (Figure 2, ref. 205).
- 11. Claim 20 is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
- 12. Referring to claim 21, Brachman discloses the join indication comprises a specification of the terminal's network interfaces (i.e. any request for content must inherently include the address of the sender, otherwise there would be no way to send

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the content back to the requestor, in the packet network of Brachman, the address identifies the network interface of the client) (col. 2, lines 62-67).

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- 13. Referring to claim 22, Brachman discloses the join indication comprises a specification of the networks currently available to the terminal (i.e. any request for content must include the address of the sender, which would indicate to the receiver what networks are available to the terminal, since the request must come over at least one network) (col. 2, lines 62-67).
- 14. Claims 25 and 26 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brachman-Zhang in view of Stanforth (U.S 2002/0058502).

15. Referring to claim 13, Brachman-Zhang discloses the invention substantively as described in claim 1. Brachman furthermore discloses the deciding takes into account the bandwidth used (col. 5, lines 60-65). Brachman-Zhang does not specifically disclose taking into account the spectral spectrum efficiency factor of each access system. In analogous art, Stanforth discloses another method of effectively using network resources which discloses utilizing spectral efficiency factor as a way to improve wireless communications (p. 1, ¶ 5). It would have been obivous to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Stanforh with Brachman-Zhang in

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order to improve spectral efficiency by interconnecting various differing access networks via the use of gateways as supported by Stanforth (p. 3, ¶ 13).

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16. Claim 14 is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

Claims 23, 24, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brachman-Zhang in view of Kahn et al. (US 2002/0143951) (hereinafter Kahn).

17. Regarding claims 23 and 24, Brachman-Zhang discloses the invention substantively as described in the claims above. Brachman-Zhang does not specifically disclose the join indication comprises a desired start or stop time for reception of transmissions. In analogous art, Khan discloses another method for effectively using network resources which discloses the use of IGMP join message [0027-0030], which by definition includes: a) group address (networks available), b) a designated router or a way to determine a designated router; and c) the multicast address that identifies a particular transmission session, (session by definition have a start time and an ending time). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Kahn with Brachman-Zhang in order to utilize the advantages of multicast transmission while reducing the network load associated with that type of transmission as supported by Kahn (p. 2, ¶ 9).

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18. Claims 27 and 28 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

## Response to Argument

19. Applicant's arguments submitted February 5, 2007 have been fully considered but are most in view of the new grounds of rejection.

### Conclusion

20. Applicant employs broad language, which includes the use of word, and phrases, which have broad meanings in the art. In addition, Applicant has not argued any narrower interpretation of the claim language, nor amended the claims significantly enough to construe a narrower meaning to the limitations. As the claims breadth allows multiple interpretations and meanings, which are broader than Applicant's disclosure, the Examiner is forced to interpret the claim limitations as broadly and as reasonably possible, in determining patentability of the disclosed invention. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. Sae In re Van Geuns, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Failure for Applicant to significantly narrow definition/scope of the claims and supply arguments commensurate in scope with the claims implies the Applicant intends broad interpretation be given to the claims. The Examiner has interpreted the claims with scope parallel to the Applicant in the response, and reiterates the need for the Applicant to more clearly and distinctly, define the claimed invention.

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February 12, 2007